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Present law (R.S. 17:183.1-183.5) provides for the high school career option and associated curriculum and graduation requirements.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires written authorization of a student's parent or legal guardian prior to changing a student's options.

Proposed law requires each school with an approved career major program to hold an annual informational meeting to inform the parents and legal guardians of all 8th graders of high school curriculum choices.

Present law (R.S. 17:2921-2931) provides for seamless connections between grades pre-k- 12 and postsecondary education and the workplace.

Present law requires each student to have an individual graduation plan that is signed by the student, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the school counselor and requires it to be reviewed annually.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires each student, his parent or legal guardian, and his school counselor to annually sign the student's individual graduation plan. Further requires the student's parent or legal guardian to approve in writing any changes to the student's individual graduation plan.

Proposed law requires each school with students in grades 8-12 to annually hold an informational meeting for students' parents and legal guardians on graduation requirements and school curriculum choices. Further requires the notice of the meeting be made through all means available, including the school's automatic call system.

Proposed law requires the state Department of Education to develop materials regarding high school curricula frameworks, graduation requirements, and relevant postsecondary education and career opportunities and that the materials be provided to each school for use in the annual meeting with parents and legal guardians required in conjunction with scheduling students classes.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:183.2(B)(1), (C), and (D), 183.3(C), 2925(A) and (B); adds R.S. 17:2926(C))